

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 135**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford**

March 20, 2012

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 135—Relative to the Hawthorne Police Officer Andrew Garton Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 135, as introduced, Bradford. Hawthorne Police Officer Andrew Garton Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 in the County of Los Angeles as the Hawthorne Police Officer Andrew Garton Memorial Highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Police Officer Andrew Garton, a seven-year veteran  
2 of the Hawthorne Police Department, died on May 26, 2011, from  
3 injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash during the funeral  
4 procession of another fallen officer; and  
5 WHEREAS, Officer Garton, 44, is the first Hawthorne officer  
6 to die in the line of duty in the department’s 89-year history; and  
7 WHEREAS, Andrew was born on January 23, 1967, in San  
8 Fernando, California, and is a graduate of Antelope Valley High;  
9 and  
10 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a police officer, Andrew was a  
11 skilled ceramic tile setter. He met his wife, Tracy, in 1989 while

1 installing tile at the house that would eventually become their  
2 home; and

3 WHEREAS, Andrew and Tracy married at SeaCoast Grace  
4 Church in April 1993, and continued to reside in Orange County;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Inspired by Sgt. Shawn Shimono, a close friend  
7 for over 20 years, Andrew entered the police academy, graduating  
8 on February 20, 2004, and became a Hawthorne police officer;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Andrew served as Vice President of the Hawthorne  
11 Police Officer's Association and as Treasurer of the Hawthorne  
12 Police Officer's Association Political Action Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Andrew was a long-time member of the Hawthorne  
14 SWAT Team, and an accomplished motor vehicle and traffic  
15 investigator; and

16 WHEREAS, Above and beyond the tradition and honor of his  
17 profession, Andrew was a devoted husband and father. Andrew  
18 and Tracy were a faith-filled loving couple raising two sons,  
19 Garrett, 13, and Grant, 8; and

20 WHEREAS, Andrew loved his children and spending time with  
21 his family. He was active in both scouting and coaching youth  
22 baseball. For those who knew him, he was both a mentor and a  
23 friend; and

24 WHEREAS, Camping and motocross riding were great passions  
25 for Andrew. He most enjoyed being able to share those moments  
26 with his children; and

27 WHEREAS, Andrew is survived by his wife, Tracy, sons,  
28 Garrett and Grant, mother, Carole McConnell, father, Gary Garton,  
29 and a vast extended family; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
32 portion of State Highway Route 405 between Rosecrans Avenue  
33 and El Segundo Boulevard, in the County of Los Angeles, as the  
34 Hawthorne Police Officer Andrew Garton Memorial Highway;  
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
37 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the  
38 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this  
39 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate

1 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
2 further  
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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